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Expository

Concept Questions:

How do whales breathe?

(3-2-1-0)

What does “baby animals staying with their mother” mean to you?

(3-2-1-0)

How are baby fish born?

(3-2-1-0)

Score: _____ /9 = _____ %
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Prediction:

“Whales and Fish”

Whales and fish both live in the water, but they are different in many ways. Whales are large animals that live in the water. Even though whales live in the water, they must come to the top of the water to get air. When they come to the top of the water,

whales breathe in air through a hole in the top of their heads. At the same time they blow out old air. Whales don’t get air like fish. Fish take in air from the water.

Mother whales give birth to live whales. The baby whale must come to the top of the water right away for air. The baby drinks milk from its mother for about a year. Then it finds its own food. Fish have babies in a different way. Most mother fish lay eggs. The babies are born when the eggs hatch. Right after they are born, the baby fish must find their own food.

Whales and fish are alike in some ways too. Whales and fish have flippers on their sides. They also have fins on their tails. Flippers and fins help whales and fish swim. Fins move and push the water away. (197 words)

Number of Total Miscues

(Total Accuracy): _____

Number of Meaning-Change Miscues

(Total Acceptability): _____

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0–4 miscues _____ Independent _____ 0–4 miscues

5–20 miscues _____ Instructional _____ 5–10 miscues

21+ miscues _____ Frustration _____ 11+ miscues

Rate: $197 \times 60 = 11,820 /$ _____ seconds = _____ WPM

Correct WPM: $(197 -$ _____ errors $) \times 60 =$ _____
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Retelling Scoring Sheet for "Whales and Fish"

Main Idea

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- ___ but they are different
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Details

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49 Ideas

Number of ideas recalled _____

Other ideas recalled, including inferences:

Questions for "Whales and Fish"

1. What is this passage mainly about?
Implicit: how whales and fish are alike and different

2. According to the passage, how are whales and fish different?
Explicit: whales breathe air and fish take in air from the water; whales give birth to live babies and fish lay eggs; baby whales get food from their mother, and baby fish have to get it for themselves

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3. According to the passage, name another way that whales and fish are different.

Explicit: any other of the above answers

4. What part of the whale is like our nose?

Implicit: the air hole or the hole in the whale's head

5. Why does a baby whale stay with its mother for a year?

Implicit: it gets food from its mother

6. What part of whales and fish are alike?

Explicit: fins or flippers

7. Where are fins found on fish and whales?

Explicit: on the tail

8. Why might a mother fish not know her baby?

Implicit: the mother does not see the babies when they are born; *or* the babies hatch from eggs